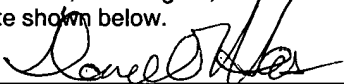


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In re the accompanying application of)
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COMPOSITIONS AND DERIVATIVES)
THEREOF)

Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Jean F. Vollano

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Applicants have been required to restrict the scope of the claims to one of six groups described in the restriction requirement of March 18, 2004. However, the Applicants wish to point out that only claims 30-38 and 40-49, which form Group IV from the original restriction requirement in the parent case, are present in this application. The Examiner's attention is directed to the utility patent application transmittal Section 4.c. The Applicants assert that these claims are all correctly linked together as described in the original restriction requirement in the parent case, Group IV. The Applicants assert that this argument overcomes the restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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